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SUBJECT:OECD TRADE COMMITTEE WORKING PARTY (TCWP),
MARCH 13-14

REF: OECD 5929; ALBRECHT/ROGERS TELCON

1. U.S. DEL TO TCWP MEETING MARCH 13-14 MAY EXPRESS
OUR GENERAL CONCURRENCE WITH TCWP WORK PROGRAM OUTLINED
IN REFTEL. WE ALSO AGREE THAT WORK RELATING TO EXPORT
RESTRICTIONS, PROBLEMS IN INTERNATIONALLY TRADED COMMODITIES
AND IMPLEMENTATION OF OECD TRADE PLEDGE SHOULD TAKE
PRIORITY OVER FURTHER WORK ON INTERNAL POLICIES AND OTHER
LESS PRESSING ISSUES AT THIS STAGE.

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2. REGARDING TIMING OF SUGGESTED JUNE TCWP MEETING ON COMMODITIES, U.S. DEL MAY WISH TO POINT OUT THAT SOME PARTICIPANTS IN THESE DISCUSSIONS ARE LIKELY TO BE INVOLVED IN OTHER COMMODITIES RELATED MEETINGS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE AROUND THAT TIME SUCH AS MAY 20-JUNE 20 RENEGOTIATION OF INTERNATIONAL TIN AGREEMENT (GENEVA) AND SESSION OF COFFEE COUNCIL JUNE 21-JULY 5 (LONDON). IN ADDITION, DATE OF UNCTAD COMMODITIES MEETING IS NOT YET SET. THEREFORE WE WOULD LIKE TO KEEP OPEN FOR TIME BEING SITE AND TIMING OF DEVELOPED COUNTRY PREPARATORY DISCUSSIONS FOR UNCTAD MEETING.
3. WE AGREE TO PROPOSAL, REPORTED REF TELCON, TO MOVE UP DATE OF TCWP MEETING ON UK AND AUSTRALIAN MEASURES TO MARCH 26-27. INGERSOLL

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